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The broadcast flag is certainly not in the interest of public education. I teach Technology Education in grades 1-8 in Minster Schools. It is paramount that all students today be taught how to evaluate and appreciate media which is such an important part of their lives now as well as in their future.

Personally, the broadcast flag would prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

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As an EDUCATOR and viewer of broadcast television, I strongly urge you to promote the digital television transition by OPPOSING ADOPTION OF THE BROADCAST FLAG.

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As a Library Media Specialist at a high school, I can tell you the educational media process would be severely compromised if the ability to show taped material for educational use is taken away. We are a small district in Appalachia, and we rely often on quality documentaries that are broadcast on public television network. As a broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

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I am employed as an Electronic Design Automation (EDA) Software Engineer and I am a USPTO Registered Patent Agent. As such I am intimately familiar with the problems associated with Copyright infringement and the so called "wave of piracy" that is taking place. I note that a similar situation existed when music was first broadcast via radio.

I am particularly distressed at seeing an endless parade of technological "quick fixes", such as this one. These "fixes" are in fact seriously flawed and do nothing whatever to stop the illegal distribution of material, yet cause endless inconvenience and service degradation for the honest user.

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If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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